

REMARKS

Applicant notes the allowance of claim 2, and the Examiner's statement of reasons for the allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to make it dependent on the allowed claim 2, whereby claim 1 now also should be **allowed**.

Applicant has also amended claim 3 to contain the allowed claim limitation which is the basis of the Examiner's statement of reasons of allowance of claim 2, whereby Applicant respectfully submits that claim 3 also now should be **allowed**.

Thus, the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) has been rendered **moot**.


Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection, and to find the application to be in condition for allowance with claims 1, 2 and 3, and to find the application to be in condition for allowance with claims 1, 2 and 3; however, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees

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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and
Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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